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Rear Adm. Jeffrey A. Harley (left), president, U.S. Naval War College (NWC), and Vice Adm. P. Gardner Howe III, NWC president from July 2014 until July 2016, hold a high-tech ribbon made from computer wire and LED lights. A robot was used to cut the ribbon, officially opening NWC's new Future Forces Gallery. The ceremony took place during a Past Presidents' Colloquium and Strategy Review held at NWC last week. The colloquium was initiated and developed by Harley, with the goal of drawing on the lessons and experiences of the former leaders to help steer the college's current and future path. (photo by MC2 Jess Lewis/released)

By Daniel Kuester, NWC Public Affairs

Past presidents of U.S. Naval War College (NWC), Newport, RI from as far back as 1987 returned to the school for the inaugural "Past Presidents' Colloquium and Strategy Review" last week to discuss the direction of the institution.

The colloquium was initiated and developed by current President Rear Adm. Jeffrey Harley (56th president, 2016) with the goal of drawing on the lessons and experience of the former leaders to help steer the college's current and future path.

"I've been president for just about eight months," said Harley. "In preparation for coming here, I talked with some of the past presidents. It occurred to me that we are at a great point in history where we can get some of the past presidents together and share with them where we are going with the college. I hope



we can now exploit some of their ideas on the future as well and garner insights from them on how to stay more relevant and make a great school even greater.”

Former presidents attending were Vice Adm. P. Gardner Howe (55th president, 2014-16), retired Rear Adm. Jacob Shuford (51st, 2004-08), retired Rear Adm. James Stark (47th, 1995-98), and retired Rear Adm. Ronald Kurth (45th, 1987-90).

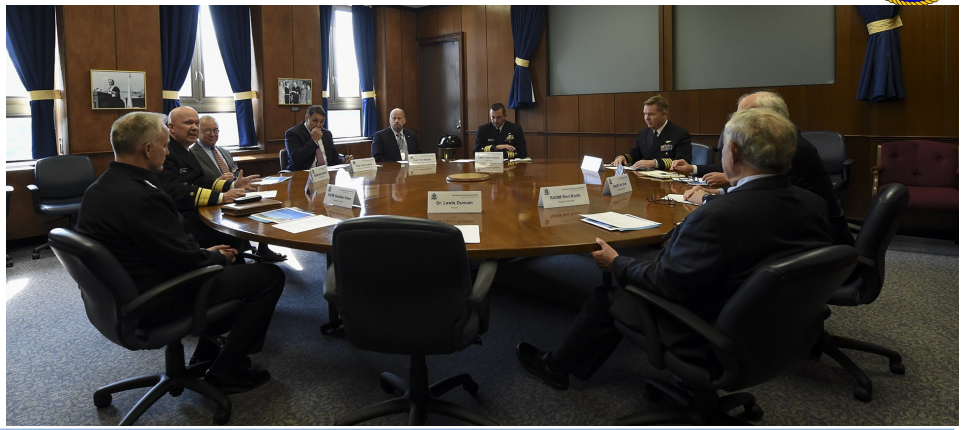
The former presidents were provided briefings from NWC’s academic and administrative departments.

The group also attended a meeting where they learned about the current state of the college and the new missions.

“We were able to review our strategic plan, including how we are navalizing, operationalizing, futurizing and internationalizing the college over the next few years,” said Harley. “We were able to get some insights on past experiences and how we can improve on what we are doing. We may even stumble across some new ideas on how to do this better.”

As part of the event, the group met with the school’s current deans, visited many new and updated facilities and reflected on their time here and the role the college plays in developing leaders.

“Every single headline in the news today reinforces the notion that the world is getting more com-



Four former presidents of U.S. Naval War College (NWC) meet with the current NWC president and members of the NWC faculty during a visit to the school for a Past Presidents’ Colloquium and Strategy Review. The colloquium was initiated and developed by current NWC President Rear Adm. Jeffrey A. Harley, with the goal of drawing on the lessons and experiences of the former leaders to help steer the college’s current and future path. (photo by MC2 Jess Lewis/released)

plicated,” said Howe. “The ability to develop leaders who have the mental toolkit and critical thinking skills to effectively operate in that complex environment is vital. So the role of finding the time and space to invest in leaders is fundamental to me now. Hats off to the college for instigating the symposium and strategic review.”

Bringing back former leaders was an opportunity to draw on their experiences to shape future direction of the school and reinforce the functions of the college.

“There is such extraordinary history here,” said Harley. “We are working to let people know the contributions NWC makes across the Navy and at higher levels, testimony before congress, national fo-

runs and on topics as wide ranging as history and international law.

Harley added that being a member of an exclusive group with only 56 members made the meeting more meaningful for him.

“The bond we share is derived from a position where we influence generations and generations of future leaders including the international students, many of whom go on to become their nation’s heads of navy,” he said. The group of former presidents also visited the college’s new display, the Future Forces Gallery. The gallery will have an official opening this summer, but the presidents took part in an early ribbon-cutting.

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NWC opens new Future Forces Gallery

By: MC2 Jess Lewis, NWC Public Affairs

NEWPORT, R.I. – U.S. Naval War College (NWC) officially opened a new Future Forces Gallery located within NWC's Learning Commons. The purpose of the gallery is to represent the physical manifestation of the college's sharpening focus on considering future forces and capabilities. It also provides a location where NWC students, staff and faculty can relax in a peaceful environment while reflecting on the possible futures they may face in the years and decades ahead.

"Our students spend a lot of time learning from the lessons of history," said John Jackson, professor, NWC's College of Distance Education and National Security Affairs. "This is appropriate, but it is also important that they consider the technologies and techniques that they will utilize in the coming decades. The Future Forces Gallery is designed to provide a quiet location in which they can think about the shape of things to come. The models, photos, and printed materials available in the gallery can serve as "food-for-thought", and they illustrate designs from the past, current cutting-edge systems, and concepts that may shape the future forces of the United States and our allies."

The gallery is made up of multiple lighted display cases which showcase dozens of models depicting technological designs from the past, modern systems in use today, as well as conceptual designs for the fu-

ture. There are also illuminated light-boxes which display images from the "Future of the Navy", a series of paintings done by artist John Berkey that take a long-term view of what the Navy's air, surface and sub-surface platforms might look like many decades from now. While they are not intended to be realistic designs for future platforms, they serve to spark the imagination on future possibilities. A large flat-screen monitor will continuously display images of technology demonstrations and engineering prototypes. Library guides and other publications will link interested individuals with other resources at NWC and the Office of Naval Research.

"The Future Forces Gallery is a launching pad for innovation and discovery," said Lt. Hillary Collandra, a NWC student. "The stationary displays provide students with information regarding the significant advances in unmanned systems technology and how these innovations will contribute to future operations. It also serves as a dedicated environment intended for the kinetic discovery and experimentation of new and upcoming technological innovations. The gallery provides great insight into what future warfare may look like and provokes the imagination of our future military leadership."

The Future Forces Gallery is supported through the Naval War College Foundation.



F/A-18 Hornets assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 106 out of Naval Air Station Oceana, Va., conduct a flyover in Newport, Rhode Island. During their visit to Newport, VFA-106 took part in an air show at the Quonset Point Air National Guard Station. As the east coast fleet replacement squadron, VFA-106's mission is to train FA-18 replacement aircrew to support fleet commitments. (U.S. Navy photo by Edwin "Bo" Wriston/released)





William Bundy, director, U.S. Naval War College's (NWC) Gravely Naval Warfare Research Group, provides opening remarks during a NWC Center for Naval Warfare Studies Seabed Warfare Workshop. The purpose of the workshop is to advance definitions and concepts that will support Undersea Domain-Centric Warfare. Representatives from NWC, Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Undersea Warfighting Development Center and Undersea Warfare stakeholders gathered to share and explore scientific, engineering and warfare development efforts.

(U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jess Lewis)

Mark Zuckerberg, founder and chief executive officer of Facebook, and Dr. Priscilla Chan visited U.S. Naval War College (NWC) to engage with students on the role of technology and social media in modern conflict, May 22. The roundtable discussion was composed of officers from each branch of military service. (photo courtesy of NWC)



Musician Seaman Cristiana Villalva sings during a Navy Band Northeast concert in Central Park at the Naumburg Bandshell during Fleet Week New York (FWNY). FWNY, now in its 29th year, is the city's time-honored celebration of the sea services. It is an unparalleled opportunity for the citizens of New York and the surrounding tri-state area to meet Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen, as well as witness firsthand the latest capabilities of today's maritime services. (photo courtesy of Fleet Week Public Affairs)

MEMORIAL DAY MEMORIES & EVENTS



Memorial Day remembrance honors men lost in 1955 explosion at NUOS

By Francine Clarke, SAIC

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On this Memorial Day holiday, it seems fitting to pay tribute to those who lost their lives in service to their country in an explosion in Building 115 at the Naval Underwater Ordnance Station (NUOS) on April 26, 1955.

Eisenhower was president and the Nation was deep into a Cold War. The U.S. was in the midst of conducting atomic civil defense testing in Survival City, Nev. Witnesses to the Newport blast seemed to be mindful of this when they described "a tremendous explosion...with a shattering impact." A cloud of debris shot a hundred feet into the air with a mushrooming effect which reminded some of an atomic blast in appearance. The April 27, 1955 *Providence Journal* reported "an earth-shaking explosion...ripped like a matchbox the reinforced concrete building..."

The Newport incident was reported across the country. The *San Antonio Express* reported that the "blast was heard clearly on Jamestown Island, nine miles away." It made front-page news in the (South Carolina) *Aiken Standard and Review* alongside an article reporting that the Atomic Energy Commission had given the go-ahead to the atomic destruction of Survival City.

At the time of the accident, the entire naval facility was known as NUOS, which employed about 800. The explosion in Building 115 occurred on a Tuesday morning at approximately 11:00 in a Dynamometer Test Room at the end of the building at Coddington Cove, overlooking Ferry Landing. The blast is believed to have resulted from a high-pressure air line rupture while testing a high-energy monopropellant fuel, called Normal Propyl Nitrate (NPN), in a modified MK 16 Mod 3 torpedo. NPN was known to have unstable properties much like nitroglycerine.

The Dynamometer Room,

which was at one end of the one-story 200-foot long concrete block structure, was torn apart and the cement roof was ripped off. About 15 windows were blown out and three wooden doors were ripped from their hinges. The initial report was four killed, one missing, and five injured. The death toll increased to five later that afternoon with the discovery of John Lavender's body.

The five men who lost their lives that day were:

John Lavender, 38, of Fall River, Mass., was an experimental machinist who had been employed by the Navy for 15 years. Survivors included a wife and son.

Howard E. Staats Jr., a Newport native, was a 34-year-old machinist who started at the Torpedo Station on Goat Island. He had served in the Navy during WWII. He had worked for the Navy for 14 years and left behind a wife and three children.

Daniel J. Sullivan of Newport, a machinist, toolmaker, and supervisor, had just celebrated his 62nd birthday the previous week. He was known in town as "Mecca Dan" and had worked for the Navy for 45 years. He had recently been cited for "outstanding achievements in accident prevention" by the Navy. He left behind a wife and daughter.

Anthony Zimon, 39, and Peter Lada, 37, both of New Bedford.



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(NUOS explosion, continued from previous page)

The five men injured in the blast were:

Victor Auclair of Fall River, suffered lacerations.

Antonio Bouchard, 39, of Fall River, suffered lacerations to the head.

Fred Harper, 52, of Portsmouth, suffered severe bruising to the chest and limbs.

John R. Hinves, 27, of Fall River, suffered a brain concussion. Fourteen years later, Hinves and his wife would celebrate the birth of a son,

John B. Hinves, who is currently Propulsion and Mechanical Systems Branch Head, Division Newport Code 8112.

Quentin L. Murphy, 48, of Newport, suffered a compound leg fracture.

In 1930, the Naval Torpedo Station (NTS) erected a granite monument with a brass plaque dedicated to the employees of the Torpedo Station and the commands that followed who died while serving their country.

The names of the five victims of the 1955 explosion were added to the monument, which now stands alongside the command flagpole near Building 990.



Afterword: In an article in the November 2009 *NUWScope*, John B. Hinves, Code 8112, described the current Propulsion Test Facility (PTF) and its origins. Developed after the fatal explosion in 1955, the PTF was built in an isolated area that allowed remote operation. The PTF was designed to protect personnel from

“energetic mishaps.” Buildings 178 and 179 were built in 1959 and 1960, respectively, providing test cells with blow-out doors and control rooms and a data acquisition system separated from energetic testing. That facility worked as designed when, on Feb. 24, 1995, an explosion occurred while a MK 48 Advanced Capability (ADCAP) torpedo afterbody was being tested in the Deep Depth Test Facility (DDTF) in Building 179. No one was injured.

MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

Boots on the Ground for Heroes: Last year, for the first time, Operation Stand Down RI launched the Boots on the Ground for Heroes Memorial which presented almost 7,000 boots adorned with flags and name placards representing the lives of the U.S. troops killed in action post 9-11 in the War on Terror. More than 10,000 people turned out to visit the Memorial, which filled the field in front of the Temple to Music in Roger Williams Park. **On Friday, May 26th at 9:30 a.m.** the Memorial will officially open to the public with the placing of the Rhode Island Boots by Rhode Island Gold Star Families and volunteers. Followed by a bagpipe rendition of Amazing Grace and a patriotic medley. **On May 28th at 6:30 p.m.** There will be a free Patriotic Concert in the Park with the Governor's Own 88th Army National Guard Band. Governor Gina Raimondo will introduce the band and attend the concert along with elected officials from across Rhode Island. The concert will be in Roger Williams Park near the Temple to Music.



Monday, May 29th: Ceremonial/Remembrance events with Navy/Marine Corps participation include:

7:45 a.m.: **Town of Warren Memorial Day ceremony & parade.** Chaplain Charles Hodges, NS Newport Command Chaplain, will provide ecumenical support at a ceremony and services beginning at the town wharf.

9 a.m.: **Portsmouth VFW Hall (post 5390),** 822 Anthony Rd., Common Fence Point. Guest speaker Capt. Richard Rainer, USN (ret), current town administrator for Portsmouth.

9:30 a.m.: **Bristol Veterans Council** service and parade. Officer Training Command Newport and a Navy color guard will participate in events beginning in Bristol's North Cemetery on Hope St., followed by a parade and wreath laying at Town Hall.

Noon: **Newport Veterans Council Memorial Day Ceremony** in front of City Hall in Newport (Broadway. Guest speaker this year is LSC (SW) Jeff Howell, Instructor and Senior Enlisted Advisor at the Navy Supply Corps School.

1 p.m.: **RI Memorial Day Ceremony** at the Veterans Cemetery hosted by RI Gov. Gina Raimondo, 301 South County Trail, Exeter, RI

NUWC Division, Newport Honors its Top Performers

The Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Newport recognized 112 of its professionals who earned special recognition for their accomplishments during 2016. During an awards ceremony on May 18, 11 individuals and 13 teams were cited for excellence in 24 annual award categories while two additional people were honored for their contributions to the undersea warfare enterprise mission.

The annual award nomination process generated 344 nomination packages that included more than 1,700 members from the 3,200 NUWC Newport federal workforce. The nominations, made by NUWC Newport employees at all levels, were adjudicated by employee committees that included 120 members of the NUWC Newport team.

Two awards representing the top of the honors were chosen and presented by NUWC Newport's commanding officer, Capt. Michael Coughlin, and the division's technical director, Mary Wohlgemuth, a member of the federal Senior Executive Service.

The first CO/TD award went to Denise Abraham, a resident of Portsmouth, RI. As head of the Contracts Department, Abraham is responsible for the planning, negotiating, and awarding of Navy contracts for an array of supplies, services, and research and development in support of Division Newport's mission, managing the entire contracting office and a budget of approximately \$500 million annually.

"Ms. Abraham has demonstrated outstanding leadership as the Warfare Center Acquisition Lead for numerous enterprise-wide activities," said Wohlgemuth during the ceremony. "She coordinates, addresses, and resolves acquisition data calls, issues, and questions across all of the Navy's warfare centers for a contracting portfolio in excess of \$2.5B annually."

The second CO/TD award was presented to a team of seven who pioneered the use of a Navy social network-



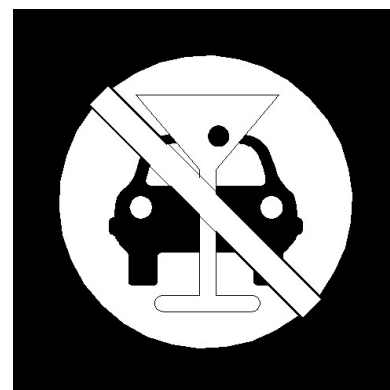
Portsmouth, RI, resident Denise Abraham, head of NUWC Division Newport's Contracting Department (center) receives the 2016 Commanding Officer/Technical Director Award.. It was presented by Mary Wohlgemuth, SES, NUWC Newport's Technical Director and Capt. Michael Coughlin, NUWC Newport's Commanding Officer.
US Navy photo by Richard Allen, ICI Services Corporation

ing tool called iNFUSION within NUWC which was eventually adopted by the entire workforce of 70,000 people at the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA). The tool fosters direct interaction between people across the NAVSEA enterprise of Navy shipyards, warfare centers, program executive offices, and directorates.

"They worked tirelessly to add content to the suite, connect people across the country, and help each site get up to speed," said Coughlin. "Since it began in October 2015 with 26 users, NAVSEA iNFUSION has grown to over 10,600 engineers, scientists and business professionals within the Warfare Centers."

BZ shipmates! The following NAVSTA Newport Sailors were selected to advance to the next paygrade from the Navy-wide Advancement Exam:

CS2 Miles Newton (Galley)
RP2 Devon Smith (Chapel)
BM3 Donald Bournekaluhiwa (Port Ops)
RP3 Kenneth Riddick (Chapel)
MA3 Whitney Scott (Security)





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The poetry of ‘Taps’

One evening in 1981 while I was at summer camp, I took a deep breath, and blew a little too hard on the bugle’s mouthpiece.

The counselor who played “Taps” each night to signal “lights out” to the campers had agreed to let me be the substitute bugler that evening. Using only one semester of French horn lessons, I blasted the first note, temporarily silencing the cacophony of crickets and frogs rising from the lake.

I relaxed my diaphragm to soften the sound and continued, measure by measure. Just before the high G, I squeezed my eyelids shut and thinned out my lips. Would I make the note?

Those whose loved ones died in war while serving in the U.S. military know the sound of that high G all too well. In fact, they probably remember every one of the song’s 24 notes, because it is the somber bugle call played at all military funerals.

But many don’t realize that “Taps” didn’t start as a military burial tradition. The refrain we know today was created in 1862, on the back of an envelope at a weary Civil War encampment along the James River in Virginia.

After seven hard days of fighting, Union Army Brigadier General Daniel Butterfield decided he didn’t like the formal French bugle call (Napoleon’s favorite) known in Army manuals as “Extinguish Lights.” He felt the rat-a-tat tune needed to be more melodic, so after his aide translated Butterfield’s inspiration into notes scribbled on the back of an envelope, he enlisted the help of the brigade bugler Private Oliver Wilcox Norton to play it at camp that night and each night thereafter.

Nearby infantries heard the resulting melody, which some called “Butterfield’s Lullaby.” Soon, this new version of “Taps” spread throughout the Union Army, and eventually, to the Confederate soldiers as well. Shortly thereafter, commands began using the bugle call while burying fallen Civil War soldiers, instead of the traditional three volleys of rifle fire, because they worried that the sound of gunfire might be mistaken for an enemy attack.

In 1891, Army infantry regulations officially included “Taps” in military funeral ceremonies.

Another lesser-known fact is that “Taps” has lyrics. Although several authors have been attributed to the

simple poetry, the true author of the words is officially unknown.

General Butterfield may not have envisioned that the bedtime melody he hummed to his aide along the James River on that steamy summer night in 1862 would be associated with the tragedy of death. However, the words that accompany “Taps” marry sleep with death in a beautiful metaphor that must offer some comfort to the grief-stricken families of fallen heroes.

Day is done, gone the sun,
From the hills, from the lake, from the skies.
All is well, safely rest,
God is nigh.

Go to sleep, peaceful sleep,
May the soldier, or sailor, God keep.
On the land, or the deep,
Safe in sleep.

Love, good night, Must thou go,
When the day, and the night, need thee so?
All is well. Speedeth all
To their rest.

Fades the light; and afar,
Goeth day, and the stars, shineth bright.
Fare thee well; day has gone,
Night is on.

Thanks and praise, for our days,
’Neath the sun, ’neath the stars, ’neath the sky,
As we go, this we know,
God is nigh.

That night in 1981, after two flat misfires echoed from my bugle into the dusk, I finally made the high G note. As I finished the song, I felt as if I might cry. Unsure if it was selfish pride or something else, the melancholy tune tugged dolefully at my heart.

At age 15, I didn’t know that “Taps” had accompanied the burial of countless fallen American military heroes. But undeniably, the notes conveyed a sense of something simple, yet complex. Something ceasing, yet eternal. Something comforting, yet sorrowful.

The tragic yet peaceful call of “lights out.”



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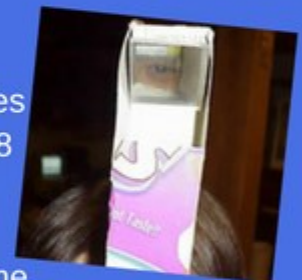
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Recommended ages: 9-12

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New Navy Cash® Cards Coming

By Samatha Lohr, NAVSUP Office of Corporate Communications

Sailors and Marines will begin receiving new Navy Cash® cards starting summer 2017, as the afloat cashless program transitions to the new partners, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (FRBB) and PNC Bank.

The cards will have a different look, but will still work the same way. Until the new cards are received, Sailors and Marines should continue to use their current cards.

Cards will be distributed in phases aboard ship, making the transition as seamless as possible. The only difference Sailors will notice is the new artwork and that the new cards are issued by FRBB and PNC Bank representing Navy's transition to a new treasury agent.

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ment of household goods.

The new cards will be white, featuring blue "NAVY CASH®" lettering and a fade of ships in the background. They will include the same chip and strip security protections just like the current Navy Cash® cards. The customer service phone numbers, email address, and the website address will remain unchanged to ensure a seamless customer experience.

In the next two years all Sailors and Marines will transition to a new card and the old cards will no longer be usable.

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For more information look up the Navy Cash® page on the U.S. Department of Treasury, Bureau of Fiscal Service website, www.fiscal.treasury.gov.



Healthy Base Initiative:

<http://www.militaryonesource.mil/health-and-wellness/healthy-base-initiative>

Treating the effects of obesity and tobacco related illnesses costs the Department of Defense over \$3 billion per year. In addition, failure to meet weight standards is a leading cause of involuntary separation from the military, and obesity in the civilian community limits the department's ability to recruit qualified personnel. To help combat this problem, the Department of Defense implemented the Healthy Base Initiative in an attempt to create an environment that encourages good nutrition, active lifestyles and tobacco-free living. This site contains valuable lessons learned, tools and resources for commanders and community leaders to consider when trying to make the healthy choice, the easy choice.

Navy Medicine East is focused on increasing awareness of psychological and emotional health among service members, veterans, family members and caregivers during the month of May in support of **National Mental Health Awareness Month**.

“We have the tools to help patients understand the treatments to help Sailors, Marines and our family members stay or become emotionally healthy to ensure mission readiness,” said Capt. Gail H. Manos, senior mental health executive, Navy Medicine East. “We need to remove the stigma associated with mental health conditions, related care options, and help our patients understand that getting help is a sign of strength, not weakness.”

Military life and its associated experiences can be especially challenging causing many service members and their families to experience various levels of stress. People can experience different types of mental health problems, from their thoughts, feelings, behaviors and even mood. It can be taxing on someone's physical health from lack of sleep or energy to stress.

Deployment Health Centers and services offer Sailors and Marines a way to navigate that stress before, during, and after deployments. It consists of tailor-made activities and is a continuous process that screens, identifies and treats throughout deployment to enhance readiness.



May 30: 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.—chair exercise class
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.—weight management support group

A large, polished brass bell is suspended from a dark wooden frame. The frame is supported by a brick wall in the foreground. In the background, a stone building and bare trees are visible under a clear sky. The entire image is framed by a thick green border.

MEMORIAL DAY—MAY 29— FEDERAL HOLIDAY

Retail and recreational facilities will have holiday hours so please plan accordingly and have a safe, long holiday weekend.

NEX NEWS:

The Newport Navy Exchange is beginning a complete remodel of the main store.

To accommodate the needed changes and allow for construction activities, the following changes are taking place:

Food, Candy, and most beverages are being temporarily relocated to the Package store across the street.

Most of the remaining Garden supplies are now on sale at 50% off!

Grab and go flower bouquets will be available throughout the construction.

They thank everyone in advance for their patience while they work to improve our Newport NEX.

Also...customers who open a new **MILITARY STAR®** Card account from May 24 - 30, will receive an extra five percent off their entire first day's purchase. Normally, customers already receive 10 percent off their first day's purchase. The extra five percent discount will appear on the customer's first MILITARY STAR® Card billing statement and is in addition to any sale prices or other discounts. It is good on everything purchased on the first day including gasoline and services.

The MILITARY STAR® Card has no annual late or over the limit fees, low interest rates, over 40 special promotions and discounts yearly and 24-hour customer service including online access.

FIRE SAFETY MESSAGE:

Did You Know? The place where we feel the safest — at home — is where most smoking-material structure fires, deaths, and injuries occur. Most deaths result from fires that started in living rooms, family rooms/dens or in bedrooms.

41st ANNUAL SAVE THE BAY SWIM!

Start training now for this annual swim that kicks off (literally) from the shores of NS Newport on July 29. The event is limited to 500 swimmers and is a 1.7 mile open water swim across Narragansett Bay. Go to: <http://savebay.org> and click on the events link for more information and to register.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS RI: VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The 2017 Special Olympics Rhode Island (SORI) are looking for volunteers! If you or your friends and family are interested please go to: <https://sori.vsyshost.com/vsys/app/VBOIMNJM5NGN9GEV> and register. The games are being held June 2-4. at the University of Rhode Island in West Kingstown. Please fill out the entire form and ensure you select a job from the drop down list. If you have not volunteered for the SORI before it is a really great time. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Chief Mathis or Chief McPherson at 841-2993 at the Surface Warfare Officer's School Command.



UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVES

June 1: U.S. Coast Guard Maintenance Augmentation Team will host the blood mobile in front of their building between Piers 1 & 2 from 8 a.m. to noon. You don't have to be assigned to a command to drop off a pint.... Just show up and stick your arm out!



NAVSTA NEWPORT FLAG DAY BLOOD DRIVE

**Help Your Brothers
and Sisters in Arms!**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017
1100 - 1600

Recreation Center/Liberty Center
656 Whipple Street

Appointments can be made by calling or texting 401-453-8383
or emailing customerservice@ribc.org.
For questions on donating call 401-453-8307

**Don't forget to bring your driver's license or another form of
identification when you donate.**

Visit www.ribc.org to make an appointment, Sponsor Code 3790.



ATTENTION FAST DRIVERS!

NAVSTA POLICE are issuing Federal Traffic violation tickets that will result in monetary fines or you can contest them by going to federal court in Providence. Please slow down and remind your colleagues to do the same.

SPEED LIMIT SIGNS

Be advised that Public Works is changing and adding speed limit signs throughout the installation in an effort to increase pedestrian safety. Security will be enforcing these new limits so please pay attention.



STOP SIGN PROBLEMS

Stop means actually stop (not that California roll many do out in town). Security is increasingly fining people for not coming to a complete stop at the intersections around the base. With the warmer weather,

there are many more pedestrians out walking and units marching. Be careful and take your time.

SCHEDULED ROAD WORK ONBASE:

NUWC Gate 23: Ongoing gate improvement work through June all efforts are being made to minimize commuter disruption but please be patient.

NEX Exchange St. NEX will be using this area in support of ongoing renovations scheduled to wrap up in the late fall of 2018. Thank you for your cooperation.

PELL BRIDGE ANNOUNCEMENT:

Timeline/Sequence

May – June

- Roadway deck work
- Permanent single travel lanes in each direction begin May 30

July – August

- Beneath roadway deck work using barges
- No permanent lane closures

September – December 22

- Roadway deck work
- Begins after Labor Day
- Permanent single travel lanes in each direction

Overwide/Overweight Vehicles Prohibited

- Prohibited May 15 through December

The real congestion will begin May 30 through the end of June. This is when the lanes will be switching on the bridge in order to facilitate the repairs.



Traffic congestion mitigation measures will include:

Evening westbound commute: 3-7 p.m.:

1. Police assistance at the Rotary to keep traffic moving along and to allow entry by those exiting via Gate 1 and Training Station Road into the Rotary.
2. Police will be directing traffic onto the on ramp to the bridge off of Admiral Kalbfus.
3. Police will be stationed at 2 mile corner in Middletown to assist traffic..
4. Traffic control will be staggering traffic in five minute intervals onto the bridge to allow for all of the merging that will have to take place.

Eastbound morning commute: 6-10 a.m.:

THE EZPASS ONLY HIGH SPEED LANE (40 MPH) will be closed and all traffic will have to go through the toll booth arms so that traffic slows down for merging on the bridge. This is going to result in backups into Jamestown.

What Can We Do?

- Start looking for carpool friends TODAY and stick with them through the end of June and reunite again in September! (or stay together and save \$!).
- Talk to your supervisor/personnel about alternate work schedules/teleworking/flex time...
- plan your vacation for June!
- plan extra time into travel during commute times.
- **RIPTA Bus 64 & Bus 14** stops at the Rte. 138/Rt.1A Park-n-Ride lot and then makes its way to NUWC—go to <http://www.ripta.com/64> for the schedule. They also have van pools that are operating onto NUWC, RIPTA is open to establishing more of these if interests exists.

CURRENT RI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Go to: www.dot.ri.gov/projects

RIDOT has a lot of work underway around Providence that is resulting in lane closures and detours and will continue for months so plan accordingly and check out the site to know when the impacts will be their worst.



There were 94 federal government job opportunities in Rhode Island listed on USAJOBS this past Tuesday! (www.usajobs.gov)

There are ALWAYS jobs available within the commands and departments onboard Naval Station Newport. Commands including the U. S. Army Reserve Center, NUWC and many others are currently hiring. Additional opportunities for veterans are listed with the RI Dept. of Labor, www.showyourstripes.com and dozens of other sites—stop by Fleet & Family Support Center and spruce up your resume.

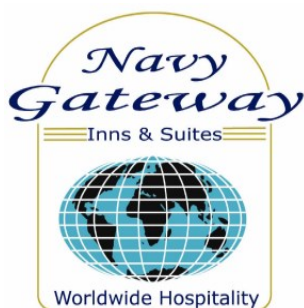


Opportunities include:

Facility Assistant-Groundkeeper	Bartender	Aircraft Mechanic
Sailing Instructor	Waiters/Cooks	Front Desk Associates
Food Service Worker	Sales Clerks	Physicians
Lifeguards	Maintenance	Mechanics
USAR Unit Administrator	Budget Officer	Industrial Hygienist
Mgmt & Program Analyst	Internships	
Equal Employment Manager		

And many, many more!

VACANCIES: MWR is in need of employees to fill vacancies at the Child and Youth Programs facilities (Teen Center/Child Development Center) and throughout their other departments and facilities. The positions are advertised NOW along with many others around the installation. Go to USAJOBS.gov today or recommend this opportunity to someone you know in the job market. Military spouses are welcomed to apply!



Naval Facilities Engineering

Command Newport is looking for tradesmen, engineers and a myriad of other types of employees to fill vacancies now and to line up for opportunities in the future—go to www.USAJOBS.gov or to learn more about NAVFAC, go to: <http://www.navfac.navy.mil/jobs.html>



The Navy Exchange is hiring for:

Seasonal and full time personnel; Sales Clerks; maintenance workers and more— Come join our sales team and learn about what we can do for you! <https://www.mynavyexchange.com/mobile/mnex/work-for-us>



Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division Newport is hiring dozens of high paying jobs— they are also available for review on USAJOBS.Gov—jump onboard the team with a position that has growth potential and is an exciting opportunity! JOIN the NAVSEA Team





Department of the Navy Releases Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Proposal

From Office of Chief of Information

The Department of the Navy (DON) released its proposed \$171.5 billion (Base) budget May 23, for fiscal year (FY) 2018.

This budget is part of the \$762 billion (Base and OCO) defense budget President Donald Trump submitted to Congress the same day.

Rear Adm. Brian Luther, deputy assistant secretary of the Navy for budget, briefed media during a Department of Defense press conference about the Navy and Marine Corps portion of the budget.

"In a challenging fiscal context, [DON's FY18 budget request] reflects the best balance of investments across people, presence, readiness and capability," Luther said. "Across the full scope of the request, we emphasized innovation and reform to sustain advantage, accelerate learning and strengthen our team."

This year's budget submission strives to restore Navy readiness. It includes a \$54.6 billion (base) request for operations and maintenance, funding one hundred percent of projected ship depot maintenance and requesting the maximum executable amount for aviation depot maintenance and the flight hour program. The operations and maintenance request represents an emphasis on the importance of restoring wholeness in order to build capacity and improve lethality in the future.

The submission will build on current programs as well as invest in innovation to enable the Navy to compete in a fast-paced, complex global maritime environment - today and in the future. The submission includes a \$49.5 billion (base) procurement budget that would buy eight new ships, fully fund the critical Columbia-class Ballistic Missile Submarine (SSBN) program and invest in high-tech systems including unmanned, cyber and directed energy weapons.

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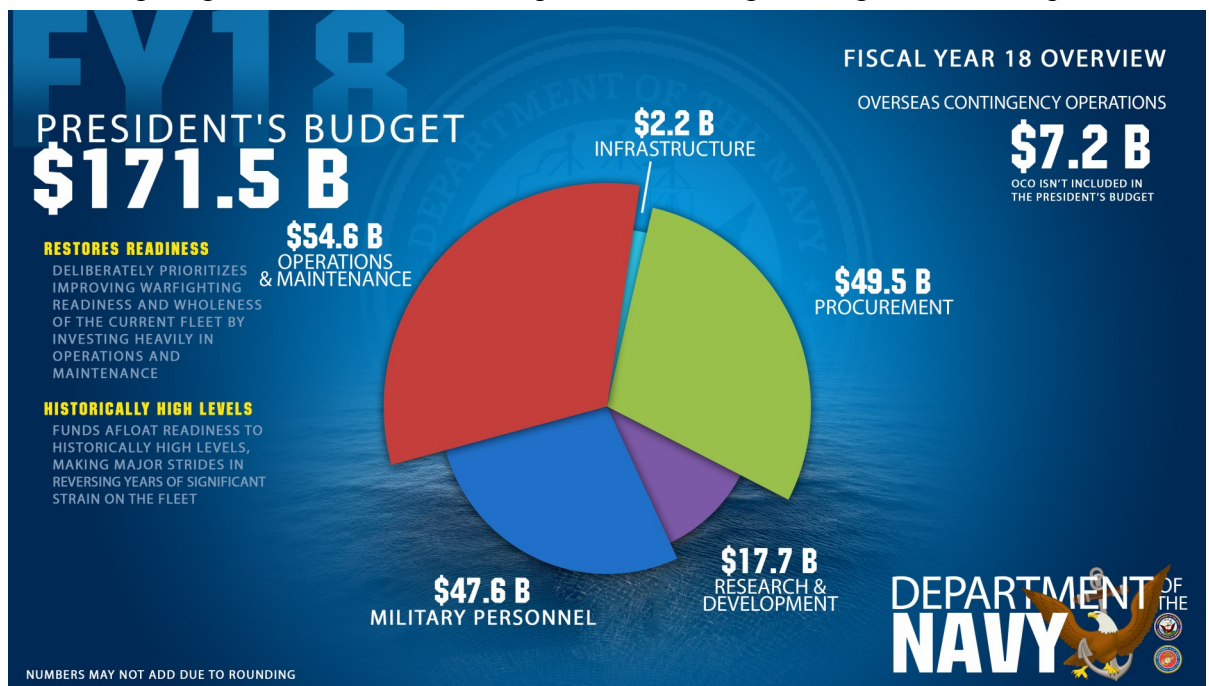
The budget supports our personnel by funding career-development initiatives and providing a 2.1 percent pay increase, in addition to developing and procuring the most cutting-edge platforms and weapons available, positioning service members and DON for success. It also continues to invest in the Tours with Industry Program, the Fleet Scholar Program and Sailor 2025.

The eight new ships the budget would purchase include one Ford-class aircraft carrier, two Arleigh Burke-class destroyers, two Virginia-class submarines and one littoral combat ship to prioritize stability in major combatant shipbuilding as the fleet continues to grow. Additionally, the budget funds 91 aircraft in FY18.

By fully funding the Columbia-class SSBN program, the FY18 budget maintains the Navy's commitment to provide the nation with a credible and survivable sea-based strategic deterrent.

In order to meet dynamic changes in the security environment of today, this year's submission includes \$17.7 billion for research and development, supporting the Navy-Marine Corps team of the future through technological advantages designed to counter adversaries in all environments and across all spectrums.

To view the proposed FY 18 DON budget documents, visit www.secnav.navy.mil/fmc/fmb/pages/fiscalyear-2018.aspx or highlights can be found at <http://comptroller.defense.gov/BudgetMaterials.aspx>





Parade of Ships Kicks off 2017 Fleet Week New York; Fort Hamilton Salutes the Ships

By MC1 Kristin Schuster,
NPASE East

U.S. Army Garrison Fort Hamilton held a salute to the participating ships of 2017 Fleet Week New York (FWNY) during the official Parade of Ships kickoff May 24.

Amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) rendered a seven-gun salute with U.S. Army Garrison Fort Hamilton, with Fort Hamilton providing a 15-gun salute in return.

"New York has always had a close relationship with the military," said Anthony Giovinco, U.S. Navy Vietnam veteran and chief of staff and secretary of the United Military Veterans of Kings County Memorial Day Parade.

"The Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen are treated very well here. This is a tradition that is important to me. It brings back fond memories of the years I spent in the military."

In addition to Kearsarge, USCGC Hamilton (WMSL 753), Kingston-class coastal defence vessel HMCS Glace Bay (MM 701), Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS Lassen (DDG 82), Ticonderoga-class cruisers USS Monterey (CG 61) and USS San Jacinto (CG 56), Oceanographic research ship RV Neil Armstrong (AGOR 27), Cyclone-class patrol coastal ship USS Zephyr (PC 8), Spearhead-class expeditionary fast transport USNS Yuma (EPF 8) and U.S. Naval Academy yard patrol boats participated in the Parade of Ships.

FWNY offers Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen an official opportunity to participate in community relations projects, parades, re-enlistments and school outreach. It also exposes the general public to various military careers, ships and the services they represent.

Students from the area will have the chance to learn about military aircraft, military careers, and interact with Sailors and Marines throughout the week.

During FWNY, general ship tours will be conducted in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Staten Island.



Sailors and Marines man the rails of the amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) as it passes the Statue of Liberty during the 29th annual Fleet Week New York's Parade of Ships. (photo by MCC Travis Simmons/

Visitors will learn about the latest capabilities and technologies of today's maritime sea services, such as job specialties, firefighting techniques, environmental safety, energy awareness and damage control aboard ships. There will also be the opportunity to see and interact with aviation static displays.

"Fleet Week New York is a way for the general public to view and experience the maritime sea services while allowing us to show our appreciation for our Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen," said U.S. Army Spc. Tanner Butler, currently assigned to U.S. Army Garrison Fort Hamilton. "I feel, that since 9/11, it is really important for the people of New York to experience these things and to remember that our fellow Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen are there for us."

FWNY, now in its 29th year, is the city's time-honored celebration of the sea services. It is an unparalleled opportunity for the citizens of New York and the surrounding tri-state area to meet Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen, as well as witness firsthand the latest capabilities of today's maritime services. The weeklong celebration has been held nearly every year since 1984.



Women's Veterans Group

Meets Thursday nights from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month (beginning May 11) at the RI Veterans Center, call (401) 739-0167 for more information.

RI Military Woman of the Year Ceremony

Military Women Across the Nation Unit 118 will hold their annual banquet on June 23 at 11:30 a.m. celebrating the 25th anniversary of the unit and awarding the 2016 Military Woman of the Year. Tickets at \$22. The event is open to anyone interested in attending, call 294-2435 for more information.

10th Annual Veterans Breakfast

Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse will host this annual event on Saturday, June 17 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the RI National Guard Warwick Armory, 541 Airport Road, Warwick. Breakfast is free for veterans and their families. Featured guest speakers are Brig. Gen. Peter Zwack (Ret.), former U.S. senior defense official and attache to the Russian Federation and the Honorable Wayne F. Smith, former combat medic in Vietnam and accomplished veterans advocate. Resource tables and representatives from state and federal agencies, as well as non-profits, will be on hand to connect veterans with opportunities for employment, VA benefits and claims, continuing education and other programs. For more information call (401) 453-5294

Eligibility for Burial Determinations in Advance of Need

Many people would like to know, in advance, whether they are eligible for burial in a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) national cemetery. To assist them, VA is launching an initiative, the "Pre- Need Program," specifically aimed at helping people make sure their wishes are known and followed.

Having this information will help VA beneficiaries use the benefits they have earned, for their families and for themselves.

Once they are found eligible, individuals will be entitled to the same benefits they would receive were a determination made at the time of death. These



include any or all of the following, at no cost to the family:

- Burial in any open VA national cemetery, including opening and closing of the grave
- Grave liner
- Perpetual care of the gravesite
- Government-furnished upright headstone, flat marker or niche cover
- Burial flag
- Presidential Memorial Certificate
- For all of the details, go to:
<http://www.cem.va.gov/preneed>

Federal Legislature Update: Below are some bills and letters that Congressman Langevin has signed onto relating to **Defense and Veterans:**

Defense Bills:

H.R. 2052 - Protecting the Rights of Individuals Against Technological Exploitation (PRIVATE) Act. This bill would amend the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prohibit the wrongful broadcast or distribution of intimate visual images.

H.R. 2564 – To amend Title 10, United States Code, to require an annual report on the personnel, training, and equipment needs of the non-federalized National Guard.

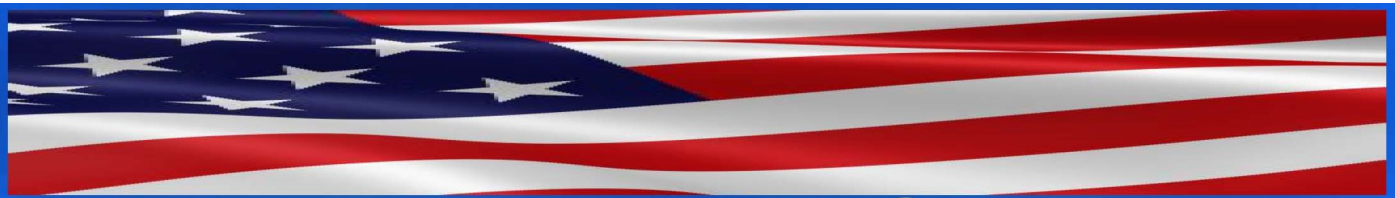
H.R. XX – Restore Honor to Service Members Act. This bill would direct the Secretary of Defense to review the discharge characterization of former members of the Armed Forces who were discharged by reason of the sexual orientation of the member.

H.R. 339 – Calling upon the United States Senate to give its advice and consent to the ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Veterans Bills:

H.R. 1783 - Improving Veterans Access to Quality Care Act. This bill would direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to reinstate for three years the VA's Intermediate Care Technician Pilot Program, which provides a career track to help medical personnel in the army transition to careers at the VHA.

H.R.1928 - Families of Fallen Service Members First Act. This bill would provide a permanent appropriation for the payment of death gratuities and related benefits to survivors of deceased armed service members during a period of lapsed appropriations.



VetSurf RI

Saturday JUNE 10, 2017

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No Surf Experience necessary - just the will to have **FUN!**

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